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MEMBER DISPUTES HOLD UP LEAGUE

Nations Far From Uniting in Movement for General Disarmament.

JAPAN FLATLY REFUSES

Clash of Nationalist Interests Obstructs Projects of the Council.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—Informal investigation has been started by the United States Government of the progress being made by the nations of the world in the movement for universal disarmament.

Inasmuch as control of armaments was made one of the objects of the League of Nations the inquiry into the movement for universal disarmament has developed into an investigation of the present status of the armament control clauses of the League of Nations covenant.

Disarmament Not Considered.

Organization of the "Advisory Committee on Military, Naval and Air Questions" as provided in the League covenant for advising the council on the means for execution of the armament control clauses of the covenant was made by the League Council, according to official advice, in Rome, May 17. At that time the question of disarmament in its broadest phase was not considered and it was understood that it would not be considered by the League immediately. Some of the smaller nations of the League pressed very anxiously but vainly at that time, according to the advice, for the taking of steps looking to the application of the control clauses of the covenant.

In August the Advisory Committee on Military, Naval and Air matters met with the League Council at San Sebastian, Spain, where its first agenda was, according to official advice, as follows:

"Elaboration of the regulations of the League as to the military, naval and aerial forces and armaments of States requesting admission to the league; control of the traffic in armament and munitions; use of poison gas in warfare and duties of the committee as to the eventual exercise of the right of the League of Nations to make investigation at any time in Germany under the Treaty of Versailles."

As a result of the necessity of seeking American cooperation, whether within the league or without, in any effective program for the limitation of armaments, the official advice reported that early action on any scheme for universal disarmament was not to be expected. At the same time the clash of the nationalistic interests of many nations also was recognized as temporarily obstructing any plan for the immediate reduction of armaments.

Advices from Japan have indicated that strong opposition exists there against any limitation of armaments, and it is asserted that Japan, on account of her peculiar position, is entitled to exception by other nations from any program for disarmament.

Inquiries from other sources have indicated an unwillingness on the part of other nations to consent to reduce in any way their armaments short of the universal cooperation of all other governments.

Lieut. Long Found Dead in France.
CHARLEVILLE, France, Sept. 7.—The body of Lieut. Lothar R. Long of the United States Marine Corps was found at Bayonneville, near here, yesterday. Death was caused by a bullet wound.

Lloyd George Back in London.
LONDON, Sept. 7.—Premier Lloyd George reached London unexpectedly tonight from Lucerne. He travelled direct instead of through Paris as planned.

U. S. POLISH POLICY BRINGS NO REPLY

Italy and Great Britain Refrain From Comment.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—Baron Averani, the Italian Ambassador, has returned to his summer home at Newport without handing to the State Department any formal note from Italy in reply to the recent statement of the American Government's attitude as to Russia and Poland.

The Ambassador conferred with Secretary Coby during his short stay in Washington. It is now understood, however, that owing to the changed situation as a result of recent Polish victories, and also because of conditions in Italy, no formal commitment to any line of policy in dealing with Russia is to be expected from Rome for the present. Unofficial and verbal assurances of sympathetic support of the American position have already been presented by Councillor Brancilla.

The British Government is understood to have come to a similar conclusion regarding the American Polish note, which was not directly addressed to it, while Japan knows of it only as a matter of courtesy through a copy handed to the Ambassador without expectation of eliciting a response.

WRANGEL GETS MANY PRISONERS AND GUNS

Reds Shift Troops to South Russia From Polish Front.

SEBASTOPOL, Sept. 7.—In the period from August 16 to August 31 his troops captured 5,000 Bolsheviks, twelve cannons and fifty-one machine guns, according to figures given out at the headquarters here of Gen. Wrangel, the anti-Bolshevik commander in South Russia. The Russians are declared to be using all their reserves, arming even the students and drawing reinforcements from the Polish front.

PARIS, Sept. 7.—The Russian Soviet official statement from Moscow for September 6 declares that Gen. Wrangel, who had assumed the offensive on the South Russian front, was repulsed by the Soviet forces and that the Wrangel army sustained heavy losses, including three tanks.

ASKS BRITISH MINERS TO A CONFERENCE

President of Board of Trade Wants Parley.

LONDON, Sept. 7.—The first move having the appearance of possible compromise in the miners' strike was taken by the Government last night when Sir Robert Stevenson Horn, President of the Board of Trade, sent a message to Robert Smillie, the miners' leader, at Portsmouth saying: "To avoid any misunderstanding of our respective points of view, I should be glad if you would bring your executive to the Board of Trade Thursday to discuss the present situation."

As Premier Lloyd George has returned London, the telegram is considered significant. In the meantime the Government is making all necessary preparations to insure the distribution of food and other necessities in the event of a strike which might result in a partial tieup.

AMERICAN ESCAPES BANDIT.

Captured by Zamora, W. A. Gardiner Makes Good His Flight.

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 7.—W. A. Gardiner, a citizen of the United States, who was captured by Pedro Zamora, the Jalisco bandit, on August 20, at Cuale, has escaped, according to official advice.

Gen. Enrique Estrada, commanding Government troops pursuing Zamora, reported last evening to the War Department that he had been advised by Major Hedia del Puerto, commander at Autlan, that an American MacSwiney had arrived at Autlan and asked for an escort to bring Gardiner from a ranch some distance from town. It was stated that Gardiner took refuge at this ranch following his escape from the bandits during the fight at Rancho Divisadero more than a week ago. An escort was sent out for Gardiner. Gen. Estrada added that British Consul Holme, at Guadalajara, had received a similar report. Nothing is known as to the whereabouts of Bertie C. Johnson, a British subject, who was a fellow captive of Gardiner.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS HEARS POLES' PLEA

Begins Consideration of Appeal Over Dispute With Lithuania.

WAR HANGS IN BALANCE

Warsaw Note Calls Lithuanians Invaders and Says Reds Aid Them.

LONDON, Sept. 7.—The Polish Government has addressed an appeal to the League of Nations requesting its mediation in the Polish-Lithuanian dispute. Unless an improvement occurs in the situation Poland will be compelled to declare war on Lithuania, the appeal states. The communication declares an unprovoked attack had been made on the Polish troops by Lithuanian forces. League of Nations is now considering the appeal.

The Polish demand is, the note indicates, that the Lithuanian troops evacuate Polish territory within a few days.

PARIS, Sept. 7.—The Polish note to the League of Nations, asking it to mediate in the Polish-Lithuanian controversy, says that while the Polish armies were retreating before the Russian Soviet forces the Lithuanian Government concluded an agreement with the Soviet Government at Moscow, authorizing the Soviet army to make use of Lithuanian territory for its passage and the establishment of a military base. This, the note points out, was a breach of neutrality. The note continues:

"The Polish troops have tried throughout to avoid shedding blood, but on September 2 a detachment of Polish cavalry occupying Selnay was attacked by Lithuanians and forced to evacuate the town, losing four dead. The Lithuanian army then occupied Suwalki and advanced upon Augustow without declaring war. It was ascertained that Bolshevik troops cooperated with the Lithuanians."

"The Polish Government submits the above facts to the League of Nations and requests the league to use all the means at its disposal in order to prevent the Lithuanian Government from continuing to cooperate with the Soviets and cause Lithuania to abandon its alliance with the Soviet Government."

CANADIAN AVIATOR KILLED IN POLAND

Two Americans in Kosciuszko Squadron Missing.

WARSAW, Sept. 6.—Capt. J. C. McCullum of Montreal, a member of the Kosciuszko squadron, has been killed in an airplane fall near Lemberg. It was learned here to-day.

McCullum recently joined the Kosciuszko squadron and had previously flown with the Canadian army. The accident is attributed to his unfamiliarity with his plane, which differed from the planes he had previously flown.

AMERICAN PROTEST SENT TO MEXICO

Decided Stand Taken in Regard to Ownership of Oil Lands.

CONFISCATION IS OPPOSED

Mexico Objects to Language Used and Refuses to Accept Note.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—The United States Government has communicated to the new Mexican regime a protest against the continuation of the confiscatory policy put into effect against American oil interests by the Carranza Government. The protest, which was communicated through George Sumner, Charge d'Affaires of the American Embassy at Mexico City, is understood to be vigorous in tone.

At the State Department to-day there was an apparent attempt to minimize the importance of the protest. Officials sought to create the impression that it was merely informal and that no answer to it was necessary. They said it was only verbal.

From other reliable sources, however, it was learned that this Government had taken a decided stand on the Mexican oil question, and that its protest was so framed as to leave the inference at least that the oil question would play a large part in determining whether American recognition would be extended to the new Mexican Government.

The communication was understood to have pointed out that this Government had repeatedly protested against the Carranza oil policy and to have let it be understood that this was still our attitude, particularly as concerned the theory prevailing in Mexico that subsoil on American oil lands in Mexico belongs not to the land holder, but to the State. This theory was part of the Carranza plan to nationalize oil lands.

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 7.—Dr. Cuthberto Hidalgo, under secretary in charge of the Mexican Foreign Office, denied last night that a note relative to the petroleum situation had been received from Washington.

Former Danish Envoy on Visit.

Count Carl Moltke, Danish Ambassador to Germany and formerly Danish Minister to the United States, arrived yesterday aboard the Scandinavian-American liner Oscar II. to consult with specialists here regarding an injury to his right leg. With him were his wife, who was Miss Cornelia Thayer of Boston, and their son, Carl Moltke, Jr., 8 years old. Ludwig Nissen, Brooklyn diamond merchant, returned after a tour of Germany, where he said children are suffering worse than adults.

EARTHQUAKE RAZES ITALIAN VILLAGES

Two Towns Reported Demolished; Many Dead.

ROME, Sept. 7.—The earthquake in northern Italy was of violent nature. Villa Collemandina is reported to have been destroyed. Castiglione, Pieve Fossclano, Vaglia, Camporgiano, San Donino, Piazza Alserchio, Poggio, Castagnola, Focciendora and Canigiano have been badly damaged.

The dead and injured are numerous, though the number is not yet estimated. Assistance is being sent to the scenes of the disaster.

Grave reports of the damage sustained in various towns of Tuscany are being received here, and it is confirmed that Villa Collemandina, a small town of about 2,000 inhabitants in the province of Massa Carrara, has virtually been destroyed.

LONDON, Sept. 7.—The town of Fivizzano, 34 miles northwest of Lucca, has been completely demolished by an earthquake, according to a special despatch to the Exchange Telegraph. The death toll adds that Bolero and Monte were badly wrecked.

By the Associated Press.

PISA, Italy, Sept. 7.—The earthquake shock here was preceded by deep rumblings and followed by vertical and horizontal earth tremors which lasted for thirteen seconds.

NO GUARANTEES FOR CORK'S LORD MAYOR

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poisoning of the leg and Donovan with an abscess of the mouth. Since Thursday last, when the prisoners refused to permit the jail doctor to visit them, they have had no medical attention, being cared for by nuns days and nights.

A fortnight ago the prisoners refused to take even water, asserting that the prison officials were putting stimulants into the water, and they thirsted as well as starved until the nuns appeared and gave them water with their own hands.

BOYCOTT ON BELFAST RIGIDLY ENFORCED

Armed Men Warn Not to Speak to Constabulary.

BELFAST, Sept. 7.—The boycott against the police in the west and other parts of County Donegal is being rigorously enforced. In Buncrana, armed men visited the residents during the night and warned them that if they were caught speaking with members of the Irish constabulary they would be dealt with drastically.

Thomas MacGovern, for fifteen years chairman of the rural district council of Manor Hamilton, County Leitrim, was kidnapped by armed and masked men. The kidnapping is believed to be the result of MacGovern's refusal to cease trading with Belfast.

Three men concerned in the recent outrage against a woman because she

Sure Relief

The sensational killing of William McDowell on September 5 when he was driving a motor car, which, according to current accounts, was held up by armed raiders who robbed the car of \$1,300 and a surprising sequel to-day in the arrest of William McConville, cashier of a linen thread corporation's factories, who was a passenger with McDowell at the time of the latter's death.

McConville had vividly described the killing of McDowell and his own maltreatment by two armed men, who, he said, had stolen the money intended for the company's workmen.

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